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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal		Application Number 09/457,931
Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Filing Date December 8, 1999
		First Named Inventor H. Ralph SNODGRASS
		Art Unit 1632
		Examiner Name Shin-Lin Chen
		Attorney Docket No. 441472000100

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on OCT 20 2003

ii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply (15 Pages) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Petition for Extension of Time (1 Page) and Return receipt postcard

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952. Form PTO/SB/17 is being submitted in duplicate.

i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 10/17/2003 BABRAKAI 00000114 031952 09457931

ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 DA
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iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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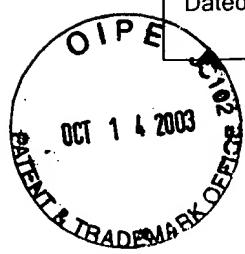
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Dear Sir:

This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. A Final Office Action was mailed April 14, 2003 (Paper No. 29) for which a response was due on July 14, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time is enclosed to extend the time for response from July 14, 2003 to October 14, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.